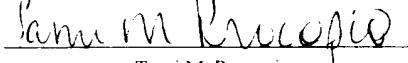




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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 18 February 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 18 May 2003. The pending claims, claims 1-5 and 7 were rejected and the rejection was made final. The sole outstanding basis for rejection appears to reside in an asserted necessity to correct inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a). Accordingly, such a correction of inventorship is enclosed. It is believed that this overcomes the outstanding grounds for rejection and that these claims may be passed to issue.

As the rejection is understood, because the original application claimed the subject matter now being claimed and named only Dr. Saito and Dr. Zhao as inventors, but not Dr. Li, a petition

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) is still necessary to change the inventorship on these claims, despite the previous petition filed under this rule adding Dr. Li. This petition is now supplied.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to

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Respectfully submitted,

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